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Parbold Library will open its doors again some time between November 2017 and April 2018.

Parbold Library to reopen

BOOK lovers in Parbold have been boosted by the news that the village's library is set to reopen.

The library on The Common, along with those at Burscough and Up Holland, were among 26 in the county closed by the previous Labour administration at Lancashire County Council as a cost-cutting measure.

However, the cabinet of the recently-elected Conservative-led council agreed plans in early July for the phased reopening of 14 libraries, nine of which will be run by the county council and five as independent community libraries.

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TAKING THE PLUNGE!

Karen, 45, to attempt charity swim across the English Channel

France this way... Karen Ennis prepares to swim the English Channel.

A BURSCOUGH WOMAN is looking to channel her charity efforts into swimming to France from England.

Karen Ennis, 45, is hoping to reach a target of £10,000 for Alder Hey Children's Hospital by swimming the English Channel and as she takes the plunge this week, she is inviting residents to follow her progress in real time on Facebook.

The plucky swimmer has already swam for six hours in the Channel as qualification for the tough event and swam a full ten-and-a-half-mile length of Windermere in July.

Her watery exploits, which have thus far brought her face to face with an eel and made her feel the displeasure of the occasional jelly fish, have already helped her raise £6,000.

Strict rules dictate that the former Formby High and St Peter's Primary School pupil can only wear a normal swimming costume, cap and goggles and though the distance is 21.5 miles coast to coast, the reality is that with tidal currents and wind she could end up swimming upwards of 30 miles.

Report by **Kenny Parker**

Also, the Channel is one of the biggest shipping lanes in the world with 600 tankers and 200 ferries passing through daily.

Karen says she has spent a tough 18 months preparing for the event, swimming four to five times per week, including open swims, and sometimes in the rain, hail and gales.

Depending on the weather she was hoping to enter the water in the early hours of this morning (Wednesday) or Thursday morning.

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Don't miss the chance to give your views on council savings proposals

Report by **Henry James**

RESIDENTS, organisations and businesses in West Lancashire are being urged not to miss the opportunity to give their views on the borough council's proposals for savings, efficiencies and increases in income totalling £310,000 before the consultation period closes on Sunday, September 3.

Service users and residents, along with local community groups, organisations and businesses, can give their views at www.west-lancs.gov.uk/yourviews

Comments can also be submitted by letter and email. Paper copies are also available at the Council offices at 52 Derby St, Ormskirk and the customer service point in the Concourse, Skelmersdale.

The council will consider the results of the consulation in October.

The main proposals are as follows:

- **Increasing a number of fees and charges each year, in line with inflation. This would include charges for pest control, and some licensing charges, but not car park charges.**
- **Increasing the charge for replacement wheelie bins from £23 to £25 to cover the actual cost of providing the bins.**

Councillor Chris Wynn

- **Ending the provision of a civic car for the mayor and reducing the number of functions attended by the mayor.**
- **A review of the way the council carries out street cleaning and grounds maintenance.**
- **Increasing bus station departure charges to bus companies from 7.5 pence to 50 pence per departure.**
- **Reviewing the Home Care Link emergency response system, which currently runs at an annual deficit of around £70,000, to ensure it at least breaks even in the future.**

Councillor Chris Wynn, West Lancs Council's cabinet member for finance, said: "I encourage residents and local organisations to take part in this consultation before the surveys close.

"The council faces serious financial challenges and we want to gather views and suggestions so we can take them into account when we make decisions in October."

The council is seeking views from individuals and organisations and is working with West Lancashire CVS to contact local voluntary and community groups, businesses, and other organisations to invite them to take part.

However, it is stressed that the consultation is open to all. Any organisation can complete the survey and all residents can take part.

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Karen ready to take the plunge

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Karen says she has been overwhelmed by the support she has received. She said: "You can follow my progress during the event either on Facebook or on the Channel Swimming Association's website.

"My supporting ship is called Masterpiece. When I did the end to end of Windermere I found it really motivating when people sent supporting messages which were read out to me at food stops so if you get a moment please get on Facebook and send me a smiley face.

"I would also like to give a big shout out to my husband Gary and my friends Janet Quinlan, Lou Ball and Craig Baker who will be on board shouting encouragement and making sure I get food!

"I am blessed with a a very supportive family and friends who have given me masses of encouragement

"I have also been blown away by the kindness of strangers who have pressed money into my hands at the end of training swims in Queens Dock in Liverpool and local businesses who have displayed my posters and collection tins.

"I'd also like to mention a young lady called Katie, who having never met me, baked chocolate truffles and sold them to her neighbours to raise money on my behalf. People can be amazing!

"If you would like to help me on my journey by sending messages and contributing to Alder Hey Children's Hospital, please please do. You can find me at justgiving.com by typing in my name Karen Ennis.

"I'll see you all in France!"

For sale: one nuclear bunker!

But has the former cold war listening point based in Burscough, been sold... and to who?

Report by **Kenny Parker**

PART of the skill of selling is no doubt in the timing.

As tensions rise between US and North Korea and the spectre of nuclear war is raised, it may well be that one shrewd owner of a Burscough nuclear bunker has seized the moment.

The former cold war listening post, situated on Pippin Street, has recently been painted and one keen eyed observer has noted that a For Sale sign has been... and gone.

The former Royal Observer Corps facility went into service in April 1962 and closed in September 1991, following the collapse of the Soviet Union.

It consists of an undergound chamber, measuring seven foot by 16 foot and is seven foot high, accessed by a 15 foot vertical ladder, along with an air vent.

Equipment kept at the site included instruments to record position, height and size of any nuclear explosion, There was also a device to measure fall out radiation and flares which would be used to warn the public of it. There was also a hand operated siren to warn the surrounding areas of an imminent attack.

The underground bunker off Pippin Street, Burscough.

Enquiries into who, if anyone, has purchased the historical site are ongoing.

If you know, call the Champion on 01704 392400

Parbold library to reopen

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Parbold library and Thornton library were among 12 about which decisions were deferred to allow time for further consideration.

The council had been considering proposals to transfer ownership of the two libraries to local groups under the provisions of the Community Asset Transfer (CAT) policy.

However, both groups have subsequently indicated that they would prefer the county council to operate a library service rather than continue with an asset transfer.

As a result, Parbold and Thornton libraries are now among those which will reopen in the next few months.

County Councillor Peter Buckley, Lancashire's cabinet member for community and cultural services, said: "Libraries are a vital service at the heart of our communities, offering free access to books and information, as well as being a place where communities can get together.

"We are grateful to all the voluntary and community groups who have and continue to commit time and resources into the library service and its future development.

"We want to improve people's access to libraries as soon as we can, and I am pleased that we'll be reopening Parbold and Thornton libraries in the coming months."

The libraries in Burscough and Up Holland are still under consideration.

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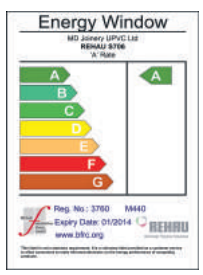

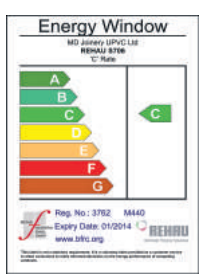

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County council approves £47m schools investment

Report hailed as "wonderful news for children and young people in Lancashire"

LANCASHIRE County Council's Cabinet has approved a report which sets out priorities for spending £47m on the county's school buildings over the next three years.

The schools capital grant allocation comes from the Department for Education to enable the county council to provide the right number of school places across the county and ensure its schools are in good condition.

The £47m investment will be spent on the following priorities:

• Supporting growth in pupil places.

• Targeted investment in mainstream and special schools.

• Strategic maintenance of the building stock.

County Councillor Susie Charles, cabinet member for children, young people and schools, said: "This investment is wonderful news for children and young people in Lancashire. It means that we can provide the right number of school places across the county, that popular schools can expand to meet demand and that we can keep our schools in good condition.

"We are fortunate to have excellent schools in our county, providing a first-rate education, and this investment will help us to build on our current success."

County Councillor Susie Charles

As in previous years, it is anticipated that the majority of the capital allocation will need to be used to provide additional primary school places, though in the forthcoming period, additional secondary school places will also be needed.

Targeted investment is intended for special schools, mainstream and short-stay provision with an emphasis on additional provision.

The capital investment will primarily be spent on the following areas:

• Provision of additional mainstream primary and secondary school places, including increasing planned admission numbers at primary schools in areas of high future demand to make them compatible with the requirement to have no more than 30 pupils in infant classes.

• Targeted investment on identified projects in special and alternative provision schools, including the provision of additional places and addressing serious suitability and condition issues.

• Projects in community schools to improve access for pupils with disabilities in and around the school buildings.

• Targeted investment to replace time-limited temporary buildings with permanent buildings, where their deteriorating condition could jeopardise the school's ability to maintain current numbers on roll in an area of increasing demand.

• Condition-led projects that address serious condition issues at community, voluntary controlled and foundation schools.

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Shop owner who failed to pay £70k in VAT walks free from court

Judge spares Aughton businessman jail term

By our **Court Reporter**

A HIGHLY respected shop owner who cheated the VAT man out of almost £70,000 has walked free from court.

A judge heard that David Leatherbarrow's business, Aughton Food Stores, was a valuable local amenity and if Leatherbarrow, who is highly thought of in the community, was jailed 12 members of staff would probably lose their jobs.

Glowing references were also presented to the court describing the defendant as "a caring family man" who was polite and helpful.

"There comes a time and today is that time when the opinion in which you are held by many of those who live near you and know you counts for something," said Judge Clement Goldstone, QC, the Recorder of Liverpool.

John Williams, prosecuting, had told the court that Leatherbarrow was owner and director of Festival Sales UK Ltd, trading as Aughton Food Stores.

On June 3 last year HRMC officials visited the premises in Delph Moss Lane and Leatherbarrow told them he had been involved with the business for six months.

Further enquiries revealed the company had in fact been incorporated in 2013 with his son Andrew, who resigned after three days, as a director. When the officers returned he said a third of his sales were zero rated, some were cash and others through the merchant terminal. He admitted being involved in business for a very long time and had had a number of companies and was aware of the fact that this company ought to be registered for VAT. It wasn't," said Mr Williams.

When the company's transactions were examined it was found that total sales for the three previous years was £986,295. It had originally been estimated that the fraud involved almost £274,000 but forensic accountant analysis showed that after allowing for the VAT paid on purchased items the amount was actually £68,798.

Leatherbarrow, a father-of-three, admitted failing to register for VAT. He said he had lost contact with his accountant and wanted to put matters right.

Christopher Stables, defending, said that Leatherbarrow worked "ridiculously" long hours and failed to deal with the VAT situation. He pointed out that there is no bank in Aughton and no cash point and people would ask for cash back.

Mr Stables said that Leatherbarrow "was very highly thought of in the village and it's not confined to what he does as a shopkeeper."

He submitted references on his behalf including one from a woman saying, "please look kindly upon him today as he is a good man who serves the local community with much respect, friendliness and good humour."

If the defendant, who works seven days a week, is jailed the business would be at real risk of going under and the 12 part-time staff would lose their jobs. He only has £2,000 to £3,000 savings as he ploughs his takings back into the business, said Mr Stables.

Judge Goldstone said, "For the majority of your life you led an honest and hard working life supporting not only your family and yourself but also very much to the good of the community."

He said he had made "a conscious decision" not to register for VAT . "I have no doubt whatsoever the object of the exercise was to create for yourself a substantial windfall in terms of what was effectively going to be tax free income for the best part of three years. That is precisely what you did."

The judge sentenced him to 16 months imprisonment suspended for two years and ordered him to carry out 150 hours unpaid work and pay £500 towards the prosecution costs.

He also imposed a home curfew with a tag for six months between 7 - 7 am.

"If it comes as a hardship, I'm afraid that's tough. If you get fed up looking at your own four walls think how close you have come to looking at cells for walls for a long period."

Leatherbarrow, 58, of Brentwood Avenue, Crosby, pleaded guity to failing to register for VAT between July 31, 2012 and March 31, 2015.

Family fun run for Cystic Fibrosis Trust

The recently established Ormskirk and District branch of Cystic Fibrosis Trust are holding their first ever Family Fun Run.

Cystic Fibrosis Trust supports research into finding a cure for a life limiting condition which affects the lungs and the digestive system.

A 3km fun run will take place at Edge Hil University on Sunday, October 15 at 10.30am to raise money for the charity.

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Doreen Lavin (centre) is surrounded by family and friends as she receives her award from the mayor and mayoress.

Civic recognition for long-serving lollipop lady

A LONG-serving lollipop lady has received civic recognition for her contribution to road safety in the borough for more than 30 years.

Come rain or shine, Doreen Lavin has been helping pupils from the Burscough's three primary schools to safely cross the road since first taking up her role as a school crossing patrol officer in October 1983.

The 69-year-old grandmother from Orrell Lane was nominated for an award by Burscough police sergeant, John Hurley.

And to mark her dedication she was presented with a framed certificate and a bouquet of flowers by Mayor and Mayoress of West Lancs, Councillor Neil and Mrs Julie Furey, at a special reception in the mayor's room attended by family and friends.

Doreen said: "Police sergeant, John Hurley wrote to the council and said that I had stood there so long it was time something was done to recognise it."

During her three-decade stint she has got to know three generations of local families - which comes in handy on the very rare occasions one of her young charges misbehaves.

"If they start to play up and I know their parents or grandparents, I'll say: 'Just try me and I'll show you what I can do'", she laughed.

And Doreen, who is still working mornings, lunchtimes and afternoons, has no plans to hang up her faithful lollipop just yet!

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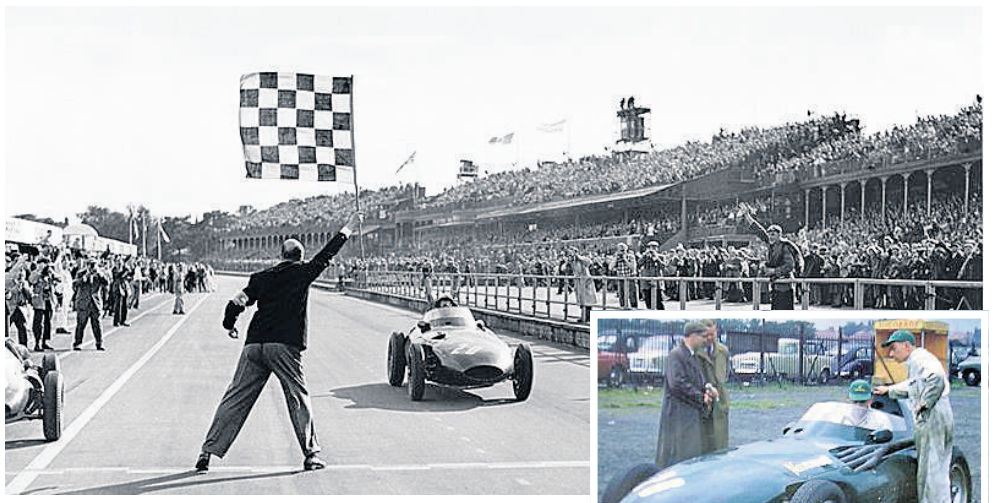

Above: Stirling Moss in the Vanwall takes the chequered flag at the 1957 British Grand Prix at Aintree
Right: Mechanics run the rule over the Vanwall

A piece of sporting history at Motorfest

MOTOR racing fans will be able to view a piece of British sporting history at this year's Ormskirk MotorFest on Sunday, August 27.

For included in the line-up of classic vehicles on display at the free extravaganza will be the car that won the British Grand Prix in 1957, the Colin Chapman-designed Vanwall VW5/11.

Driven by Stirling Moss and Tony Brooks at Aintree Circuit Club, it was the first time British drivers had won the British Grand Prix in a British-made car and a major turning point in the growth of the country's motor sport industry.

The car is now based in Florida but is being brought to the UK for the Goodwood Festival of Speed and Revival meeting in September.

Mike Ashcroft, chairman of Aintree Circuit Club which organises the Ormskirk Motorfest with support from West Lancs Council, said: "We are extremely privileged to have such a historic car as the Vanwall coming to the MotorFest.

"It would be fantastic if we could get other racing cars from this era to come along to line up alongside the Vanwall and help celebrate the 60th anniversary of this historic race. If you have such a vehicle, please get in touch with us."

Owners of racing cars from the 1950s can register their cars for the event at www.ormskirkmotorfest.com. For more info email mja@ormskirkmotorfest.com.

Councillor John Hodson, West Lancs Council's portfolio holder for planning, added: "We are sure that all motor racing fans will want to come and see this car and if any other owners of racing cars from this period want to bring their vehicles along they would be made very welcome."

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The Neighbourhood Plan process enables communities to better shape their area and ensure they have a say on the matter.

The plan is produced following feedback, allowing it to be based on the views and needs of local people.

The plan, and its evidence base, are available on the Burscough Parish Council website, or a hard copy can be viewed at the Parish Council office.

The consultation period will end on Friday October 6.

Ethel with her electric recliner chair.

Ethel grateful for support of charity

A BLIND great-grandmother from Ormskirk has praised staff at a charity for helping her to "transform her life."

Ethel Farrand, 88, who has two children, four grandchildren and two great-grandchildren, lives at an assisted living facility.

She lost her husband in January and said that since then, she hasn't known where to turn for help. She rang Brighter Future Charity, a non-profit charity and social enterprise in West Lancs and they were able to find her a second-hand recliner chair for £500 and wheelchair for £70.

Ethel said: "The charity were simply wonderful, they sorted me out a new wheelchair for just £70. The electric recliner chair is perfect, it really has tranformed my life.

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Missing boy appeal

Police say they are growing increasingly concerned for the welfare of a 14-year-old boy who has gone missing from home in Appley Bridge, but may have travelled elsewhere in the UK.

Damian Howes was last seen at around 7pm on August 4 in Wigan town centre.

He has links to Croydon, Carlisle, Westcliffe-on-Sea, Southend-on-Sea and Chelmsford, and may well have travelled to one of these areas.

PC Paddy Stewart, of Skelmersdale Police, said: "We are extremely worried about Damian and need to find him to make sure he is safe and well." Anybody with information is asked to contact police on 101.

Search for panto princess

THE producers of Aladdin at the auditorium at the Echo Arena, Liverpool are searching for a star to play the princess.

The people behind the show are not resorting to a magic lamp but instead are scouring the region for a star to play the part.

Producer and director James Shone said: "This is a brilliant opportunity for a local actress to perform in this fantastic production.

"If you think you have what it takes to wow audiences then email info@shoneproductions.co.uk with a short performance CV (max. 200 words) and/or a showreel."

Entries will be judged by stars of the show, Leanne Campbell, Michael Auger along with the show's producer.

The top ten will be invited to the Echo Arena to audition on August 22. For those auditioning they will need to bring a song of their choice with a backing track to sing to the audition panel. They will also be given some dialogue to read.

The chosen princess must be aged 18 or over and available from December 6 to 24 for rehearsals and performances.

Darren's plot voted the best in borough

Darren receives his prize from Ray Fowler, WLAF chair, at the winning plot in Ashurst

WEST Lancashire Allotment Federation have this year promoted a competition to find the Best Allotment Plot in West Lancashire.

Based on the theme 'Why I love my allotment' entrants were asked to provide two photos of their plot and 100 words to express their feelings.

From entries received from across the borough the winners were announced at the annual Green Fayre in July.

Darren Gibson, who has his plot with Skelmersdale Horticultural Society in Ashurst, was judged the winner. Darren received £50 of garden vouchers and a certificate.

The two runners-up who each received £25 of garden vouchers and a certificate, were Alan Balmer from St. Teresa's Allotment Group in Up Holland and Brian Dobson from Poor Marsh Pals in Hesketh Bank.

West Lancs Borough Council provided the garden vouchers and the judging.

Ray Fowler, the chair of West Lancashire Allotment Federation, said: "Our thanks to all those allotmenteers who entered the competition. And to those who did not win, may you have better luck next year."

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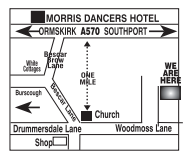

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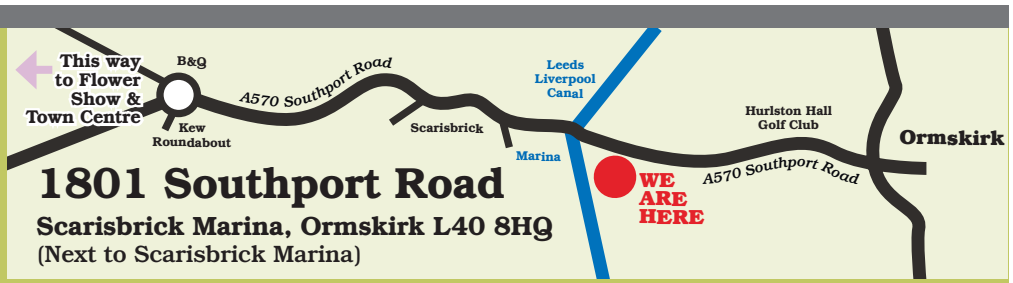

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Community groups urged to bid for initiative fund grants

Deadline for applications is September 1

A WEST Lancashire county councillor is urging eligible local groups and organisations to apply for funding from the authority's Local Initiative Fund (LIF) for 2017/18.

Skelmersdale West County Councillor Julie Gibson, Lancashire's shadow lead member for economic regeneration, has welcomed the announcement of the opening of the LIF to help support work in communities.

The fund is open for bids from the voluntary, community and faith sectors across Lancashire to apply for grants and more than £177,000 is available across the 12 districts.

Funding for each district has been shared out based on population, as well as factors such as areas of deprivation.

The LIF Scheme provides the opportunity for third sector groups and organisations in Lancashire to apply for grants between £1,000 and £5,000 if their project supports one of three priorities:

- **Supporting families.**
- **Providing skills and employment initiatives.**
- **Providing activities and programmes for young people aged 12 to 19 (up to 25 for people with learning difficulties or disabilities).**

Skelmersdale West county councillor Julie Gibson

Councillor Gibson said: "The fund is there to enable and support groups across Lancashire working within their communities to help make a difference to residents in those communities.

"The priorities identified aim to target some of our most vulnerable residents enabling them to play a full and active part in their community."

Deadline for applications to be submitted is 5pm on Friday, September 1.

Organisations will be informed about the outcome of their bids in November.

The application pack can be downloaded from the county council website.

Cllr. Gibson added: "If organisations would like more information about the fund and other grants available, they can ring the grants team on 01772 530818 or 01772 536862; or email localinitiativesfund@lancashire.gov.uk."

Important

County Councillor Albert Atkinson, deputy leader of the county council, commented: "We're asking community groups to get in contact and apply for this funding which could directly help to support their work.

"We've previously supported a wide range of projects, including activities for young people, one-off events for the community, training sessions and fitness events.

"Community groups play an important role in every part of Lancashire. They carry out great work that benefits people in many different ways, and we're pleased to once again support them through our Local Initiative Fund."

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Hospital staff set to host stand at Flower Show

DOCTORS, nurses and therapists from Southport and Ormskirk Hospital NHS Trust are hosting a stand at Southport Flower Show this week.

The stand will be hosted by staff from across the hospital who can chat to visitors about working there.

Visitors to the stand, E42, can also enter a quiz to win prizes each day.

Visitors who would also like to talk about working for the Trust can stop by and chat on any day.

On Friday, August 18 from 3pm Dr Alice Bird will be on hand to talk about women's and children's services and Miss Helen Mackay, orthopaedic surgeon, will be available on Sunday, August 20. The team will be there every day from 10am across the four day event.

Breast cancer survivor opens lingerie store

By **Kenny Parker**

A FORMER high school teacher who survived breast cancer twice but found it difficult to source specialist bras locally is ploughing her redundancy money into setting up her own business in Upholland.

Forward-thinking Shirley Rigby, 54, who first beat breast cancer in 1999 before battling the disease for a second time in 2005, was given a double mastectomy as part of her life saving treatment.

While she wishes to teach women that they should be positive about the disease, even writing a short book about her experience, 'Boobs Are Not Everything', she says that she has to travel to Newton-Le-Willows to find bras that can accommodate her needs.

Now, having recently left her job as a cover supervisor at Upholland High School where she had worked for 14 years, she is investing her redundancy money in a new lingerie shop at the Old Post Office on Hall Green, cheerily named Boobilicous, which will also provide a measuring service and bras for women who find themselves in similar circumstances.

"It's a lingerie shop but I am going to be doing a measuring service and selling mastectomy bras as well as lingerie," she said.

"It's just difficult to get bras that fit. You can't just go to Debenhams for them. Because I've had a double mastectomy I need to have pockets in them to hold the prosthesis and it is hard trying to find somewhere to get them, so I thought that if I set it up myself there will be other people the same.

"Nobody else is providing that locally. The NHS send me to this place where I go now in Newton-Le-Willows."

About the book, she said: "For me it was therapy, it helped me get through what I've been through twice, and was just to say to people you can survive cancer because the moment you say 'cancer', it's the end of the world.

"You can survive it, twice even, not always, but it is survivable."

She had about 30 books published and they were very popular and she is considering publishing more to sell in her shop for a breast cancer charity.

Boobilicious is opening at 9am on Saturday, August 19. To celebrate Shirley will be providing refreshments for anyone looking to attend.

The new Boobilicous store and Shirley (above)

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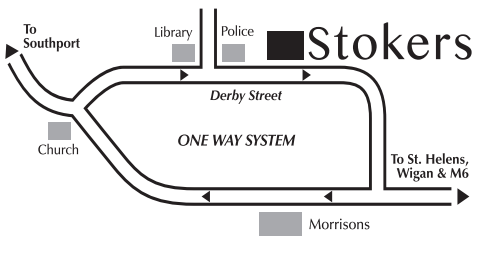

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Detectives from Merseyside Police executed a warrant at a property in Swordfish Close where a quantity of the drug, with an estimated street value of between £2.5 and £3m, was recovered.

Anthony Hill, 30, and John Hill, 32, both of Three Butt Lane, West Derby, and Michael Peremans, 26, of no fixed abode, appeared at Liverpool Magistrates Court on Monday, August 7 charged with being concerned in the supply of a controlled drug. The trio are due to appear at Preston Crown Court on Monday, September 4.

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Final call goes out for Queen's Award Voluntary Service honour

Deadline approaches for nominations

Report by **Kenny Parker**

THE Lord-Lieutenant of Lancashire is making a final call for people across the county to nominate outstanding volunteer groups for the 2018 Queen's Award for Voluntary Service, before this year's September 15 deadline.

This prestigious UK National Honour, which is the highest honour that can be bestowed upon a group and has an equivalent status to the MBE, recognises the exceptional contributions made to local communities by groups voluntarily devoting their time for the benefit of others.

In June this year, five outstanding groups in Lancashire received the 2017 Award from nominations made across the UK. These groups were nominated by friends, family or members of the public.

Although nominations can be made at any time during the year by visiting https://qavs.direct.gov.uk, for those wishing to be considered for the 2018 award, forms must be received by September 15, 2017.

Mrs Jo Darbyshire, Deputy Lieutenant and Chairman of the Lancashire Queen's Award for Voluntary Service Advisory Panel said, "Lancashire takes great pride in its volunteering groups and the members in them who make such a huge contribution to people's lives.

"They put in many hours of time and spend years quietly improving the lives of local people. They are the unsung heroes of our county, and deserve our praise and thanks for the incredible job they do.

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"Individuals coming together as a team to take on mutual service, help to make Lancashire the good place it is for people to live and work. A prestigious National Honour such as The Queen's Award for Voluntary Service not only thanks and recognises volunteers, but can prove invaluable in so many ways to the ongoing success of the organisation.

"I know that volunteers enjoy what they do but often they tackle challenging problems or circumstances which require extra time and effort way beyond the original need. Many successful groups have started by one or two people seeing a need and getting together to do something about it.

"So if you benefit from the activities of a group or you know of a group of exceptional volunteers, please take a little bit of time to nominate them for this very special honour."

In the fifteen years since it was created by Her Majesty to mark the occasion of her Golden Jubilee in 2002 over a 1,000 groups across the UK have received The Queen's Award for Voluntary Service, including 48 from Lancashire.

Skelmersdale-based football team for adults with learning disabilities, Skem Men-aces, won the QAVS in 2016. The multi-award winning club's website says receving the honour was their "biggest and proudest moment".

Entries will be considered on behalf of groups (two or more people) that have been volunteering for at least three years and more than half its members must be volunteers who have the right of residence in the UK.

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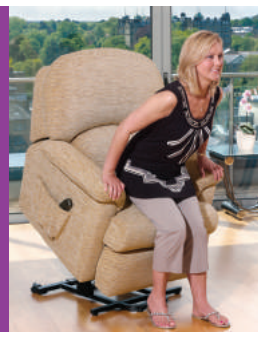

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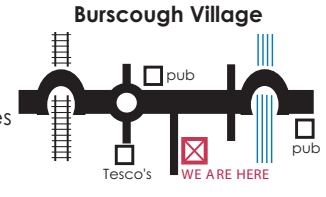

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Champion LETTERS to the Editor

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Town's roads are worse than those in some Third World countries!

HAS anyone noticed the pathetic condition of some of the roads in Skelmersdale?

I've honestly seen better roads in Third World countries - and this from a council that reportedly has £391,000 in excess of public funds.

This same council that now charges us to take away garden waste.

When this charge was announced it was made quite clear that this local government decision, made against the popular vote of their constituents, was irreversible and any protest would be ignored.

There is a popular expression 'the thin edge of the wedge', presumably the next step will be getting charged for plastics and cardboard and maybe later for all rubbish?

I, for one, do not appreciate being dictated to by people who have clearly forgotten they are public servants and have no idea how to properly administer the many hundreds of thousands of pounds lying uselessly in a bank account somewhere.

I don't tend to vote for the types of officials who think they are superior to their constituents.

So how's about doing the will of the people they purportedly serve by fixing our potholes and taking away our garden rubbish for free? After all we do pay for it.

Mr. D. G. Morgan, by email

Call to 'move' Skem out of borough smacks of snobbery not sound economic debate

IN response to letter published in the Champion (August 9) from Patricia Walsh, I was interested and somewhat perplexed by the assertion that Skelmersdale has no socio-economic kinship with Ormskirk or the 'rurals.'

I would be keen to know if Patricia is a resident of Skelmersdale (I suspect not).

She seems to feel that the town of Skelmersdale and its residents are costing the local taxpayer more than anyone else.

What is this assertion based on and why would Wigan or Merseyside serve the town better?

I would dare to assert that, on the contrary, Skelmersdale has long been the poor relative in the borough with its needs often coming bottom of the priority list.

Sorry, Patricia, but this smacks of snobbery rather than good economic debate!

Tracy Hutson, Skelmersdale resident and working taxpayer

Comments were disrespectful to hard-working residents

I AM writing to say how disappointed I was in that you thought it necessary to print the letter by Patricia Walsh in the August 9 issue of the Champion.

These disrespectful comments surely will cause a lot of upset to the law-abiding, hard-working, tax-paying people of Skelmersdale.

The rates we pay in Skelmersdale help to keep Ormskirk due to the fact that Ormskirk accommodates quite a lot of students who don't pay rates etc.

Skelmersdale has nothing in common with Wigan or Liverpool, we have no drinking/late bars or clubs like Ormskirk where everyone heads to. It's not a 'nightlife' place like Ormskirk which has far more in common with them than Skelmersdale.

I am sure that I will not be the only person to write in regarding the letter. I thought the Champion would have had more respect for the town.

Yours, a very disappointed reader.

J.H., by email

PICTURE of the week

The train now arriving... Cloister, one of the visiting engines, steams into the station at West Lancashire Light Railway for last weekend's 'Nearly Fifty' Gala held at their Hesketh Bank site as a run up to next month's fiftieth anniversary celebrations. Picture by Martyn Snape.

Readers let down

RE: the letter by Patricia Walsh, I'm really upset that a local newspaper has turned on its customers in Skelmersdale.

You could suggest that these are the views of one individual but by giving these comments airing in the Champion you have let a large part of your readership down.

Derek Warrener, by email

What is happening to our health service?

WHAT is going on with Hillside Health Centre?

The other day I rang for an appointment at 8.30am and it was 8.45 before a receptionist answered.

Then I was told it would be August 25 before I could speak to a doctor and I would be given an appointment if the doctor thought it necessary.

When I questioned this I was told that this is what happens with the health service now, doctors don't make out-of-hours calls anymore.

It's time something was done or do we just say goodbye to doctors and the health service we have all worked for and paid National Insurance for all our working lives?

Jane Nolan, Skelmersdale

Litter in street claims are astonishing and offensive

FURTHER to the letter (Champion, August 9) from the anonymous altruistic Aughton resident who spent a weekend filling a bin bag with bottles collected in Victoria Road.

Having lived in Victoria Road for more than 50 years I find this claim quite astonishing.

I have never witnessed the road 'strewn with rubbish' and to say 'the residents can't be bothered themselves yet are quite happy for others to do it' is quite offensive.

Most of the residents are elderly and are meticulous in ensuring the road is kept neat and tidy by themselves or their gardener.

To emphasise a point, frequently exaggeration is employed, and I think this anonymous resident has done just that.

W. A. Welch,Victoria Road, Aughton

Action is needed now at dangerous road junction

HAVING read Tara Pilkington's concerns about Junction Lane/Rees Park in Burscough in the August 2 edition of the Champion, I must agree completely.

Living close to this area, I have witnessed numerous accidents which have involved both the police and ambulance services and resulting in casualties being taken to hospital.

I have also witnessed heavy goods and farm vehicles being guilty of jumping the traffic lights at high speed.

Rosie Cooper has been informed of this problem and Lancashire County Council carried out a speed survey in November 2015.

Their conclusion was that no action was necessary other than a ***smiley face*** sensor and a small police notice by the Junction Lane bridge!

This is completely inadequate for this very dangerous area. Are we awaiting another serious accident to occur before any action is taken?

Concerned Burscough resident

Uncleared verges are down to shoddy work

IN response to the letter by Roz of Friends of The Earth Ormskirk branch (Champion, August 2) regarding vegetation clearance in Aughton.

She mentions that the council have left areas where creatures can live.

I can assure you they have not and the only reason these areas are untouched is because the standard of workmanship in clearance is appalling and the nominated contractor by Lancashire County Council should be compelled to explain such shoddy work.

John Brown, Eskdale Avenue, Aughton

Care trust research team tops national 'league table'

A TEAM from Lancashire Care NHS Foundation Trust has beaten other trusts from across the country - including London, Birmingham and Leeds - by topping one of the categories in a national NHS league table on research.

The trust topped the 'volume of research' category of the Research Activity League Table for 2016/17 published by the NHS National Institute of Health Research (NIHR).

The table shows the extent of research activity across all NHS Care trusts in England, providing a picture of how much clinical research is happening, where, in what types of trusts, and involving how many participants.

Andrew Pennington, associate director of Lancashire Care's research & development department, said: "In order to achieve such an outstanding level of work, the team is involved with a broad spectrum of studies. Research isn't always a science fiction type scenario – recruits may simply need to fill in a questionnaire online.

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"They don't even need to be unwell. Some studies, for example, are for healthy volunteers who are willing to give a small amount of blood.

"The trust is also involved in some cutting edge trials; there are several Alzheimer's commercial trials, with our patients having the opportunity to receive treatments that are not routinely available within the NHS.

"And, following the results of a recent study, changes in practice to support people with learning disabilities who have experienced severe depression are under way."

More than 10,000 participants have benefited from taking part in research conducted through Lancashire Care over the past six years.

Members of the Lancashire Care NHS Foundation Trust's research and development team

The work of the research & development department was also recognised at the 2017 North West Coast Research & Innovation Awards where it was shortlisted in three categories.

One member of the team, Professor Nusrat Husain, won in the Role Model of the Year category due to his extensive research across cultural mental health care with an emphasis on South Asian women with post-natal depression.

The department also jointly operates the clinical research facility, which opened in April 2016 at the Royal Preston Hospital site, to provide more opportunities for people in Lancashire and Cumbria to participate in high-quality clinical research.

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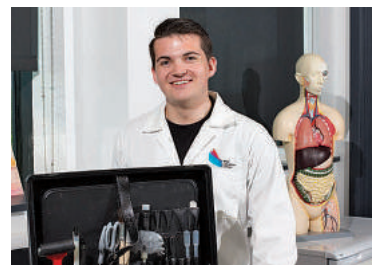

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MP Rosie Cooper and Labour party leader Jeremy Corbyn

MP welcomes the visit of Labour leader for rally

By **Kenny Parker**

LABOUR Leader Jeremy Corbyn's upcoming rally on Southport Beach this Friday (August 18) bodes well for the next general election, says West Lancs MP Rosie Cooper.

Corbyn is currently on a tour of national marginal seats and was invited by Labour's MP for Sefton Central, Bill Esterson, to campaign in the key constituency of Southport as part of his itinerary.

He will be campaigning on the beach at the southern end of Marine Drive from 5.30pm. Rosie Cooper, who is understood to be a long-term supporter of the Labour leader, long before his recent surge in popularity at the General Election, said his visit shows just how serious Labour are about winning the seat.

She said: "That Southport is appearing on Jeremy's tour shows just how serious the Labour Party is about winning this seat at the next General Election.

"Liz Savage and the rest of Southport's Labour team did a fantastic job in the last General Election.

"I have no doubt that they will be ready to mount a successful campaign the next time Southport goes to the ballot box."

MP Esterson said: "Southport is the only neighbouring seat to my own that has a Conservative MP. As soon as the general election result was known, it was clear that Southport is now a straight fight between the Conservatives and Labour. It is a key marginal constituency that Labour needs to win to form a government. That is why I asked Jeremy Corbyn to make Southport a priority in his summer campaign.

"Jeremy showed just how good he is at campaigning during the general election and he inspired a new generation of voters to become involved. Labour's membership has gone up dramatically. In Sefton Central we had dozens of people helping with the campaign both in my constituency and in nearby key seats like Wirral West."

Saying that the Labour manifesto offered an alternative to the economics of austerity, MP Esterson continued: "Jeremy Corbyn and Labour's manifesto have given hope and I am thrilled that Jeremy is bringing that message of hope to the people of Southport.

"I look forward to being there with him to introduce him to what promises to be a very well attended and supported campaign session. Now I am sure he will inspire the people of Southport."

Southport MP Damien Moore responded: "Although Jeremy Corbyn and any other MP is, of course, welcome to visit Southport and see the attractions we have for visitors, I am puzzled as to why he is holding a campaign rally on our beach."

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Alan Kennedy with Town Green Co Op store manager Dan Lee, West Lancs deputy Mayor and Mayoress, Cllr Noel Delaney and Ann Stubbert at last week's opening.

Reds legend opens new supermarket

Report by **Kenny Parker**

LIVERPOOL legend player Alan Kennedy helped to kick off a new supermarket in Aughton.

The football star accompanied shop manager Dan Lee and West Lancs Deputy Mayor and Mayoress, Councillors Noel Delaney and Ann Stubbert, as they cut the ribbon to signify the opening of the new Co-op store, on Town Green Lane, on Thursday, August 10 in front of staff and shoppers.

Also in attendance were scouts from 40th Ormskirk, Aughton.

The food store, which has created 13 new jobs, occupies the site of the former Cockbeck Tavern pub.

The 2,000 sq ft store will be open from 7am to 11pm Monday to Saturday and from 8am to 11pm on Sundays.

Dan said: "We are looking forward to being at the heart of the Aughton community, providing for all of our customers' convenience needs with our award-winning products and extensive range selection.

"Our team will provide a warm and welcoming atmosphere for our customers and community."

Alan Kennedy, 62, who lives in Aughton, played for Liverpool between 1978 and 1986 and helped the Reds to five league titles, four league cups, three charity shields, and two European cups.

He was the first player to ever score in two European cup finals.

Search is on for most unusual bike routes

CYCLISTS are being called on to share their favourite cycling routes in Ormskirk and West Lancs to encourage others to get on their bike.

A guide revealing the most fun and unusual bike rides, suggested by the cyclists who discovered them, is being compiled as part of a project to mark bike hire scheme Bike & Go's fourth birthday.

Now local cyclists are being called on to reveal their own favourite routes that people wouldn't necessarily find on cycle maps.

The suggestions will then be compiled into an online guide which will be made available on the Bike & Go website.

David O' Leary, director of Bike & Go, said: "In the four years that Bike & Go has been operating, our bikes have been used for thousands of bike rides by cyclists of all levels.

"Conversations with our users have revealed that many people like going for a casual bike ride, but need new ideas as to where to cycle.

Bike & Go director David O'Leary with one of their hire bikes.

"We know there are many seasoned cyclists out there who have a wealth of experience that can be shared with those who perhaps don't cycle quite as often. We're appealing to them to suggest some interesting and fun bike ride ideas that will let cyclists experience the local area from a different viewpoint, while still enjoying all the benefits that cycling can bring."

Bike & Go offers bike hire facilities from almost 70 participating train stations across England and Scotland, including Ormskirk.

Last year the scheme was praised by a UK division of the travel giant TripAdvisor when it was included in a list of the top seven bicycle hire companies drawn up by its subsidiary rental company Holiday Lettings.

To suggest a bike ride, email your suggestion to info@bikeandgo.co.uk by Sunday, August 20. All suitable entries will be compiled into the online guide.

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Speed cameras go live on A565

RECENTLY-installed average speed cameras have gone live on the A565 Southport New Road in Tarleton.

The cameras will 'police' an average 50mph speed limit on the Southport to Tarleton bypass on a stretch of road from the Gravel Lane roundabout, to the Mere Brow roundabout, and then on towards traffic lights at Tarleton; a total of 3.7 miles.

The Lancashire Road Safety Partnership, which includes representatives from Lancashire County Council, Lancashire Fire and Rescue Service, Highways England and the office of the police and crime commissioner, approved the scheme last year in a bid to reduce road casualties and collisions.

The partnership decided to adopt the system using average speed cameras as motorist compliance has consistently improved on a variety of road types using the system in other parts of the UK.

A Lancashire Police spokesperson said: "The cameras will use number plate recognition technology to detect vehicles and calculate their average speed by measuring the time taken to travel between fixed points of a known distance apart.

"Average speed check signage will be used to inform drivers that they are entering an average speed control zone.

"The introduction of the system is intended to positively influence driver behaviour and ensure that motorists comply with the set limits on roads, resulting in a safer environment for all road users.

"Anyone detected breaching the speed limits may end up attending a speed awareness course; accept a conditional offer of a fixed penalty (currently £100 and three penalty points), or for higher speeds the matter may be referred to court."

Child arrests in county down by 72 per cent

ARRESTS of children by Lancashire Police have fallen by 72 per cent in the last six years, figures published by the Howard League for Penal Reform have revealed.

Research by the charity has found that the force made 2,775 arrests of children aged 17 and under last year, down from 9,779 in 2010.

The charity says the statistics underline the success of a major Howard League programme working with police forces to keep as many boys and girls as possible out of the criminal justice system.

The total number of arrests has fallen every year since the league's campaign began in 2010.

Academic research has shown that the more contact a child has with the system, the more entrenched they are likely to become, which increases re-offending rates.

Frances Crook, chief executive of the Howard League for Penal Reform, said: "For the sixth year running, we have seen a significant reduction in child arrests across the country. This is a tremendous achievement, and we will continue to support police forces to develop their good practice and reduce the number to an absolute minimum.

"Lancashire Police should be applauded for their positive approach, and the Howard League is proud to have played its part in a transformation that will make our communities safer."

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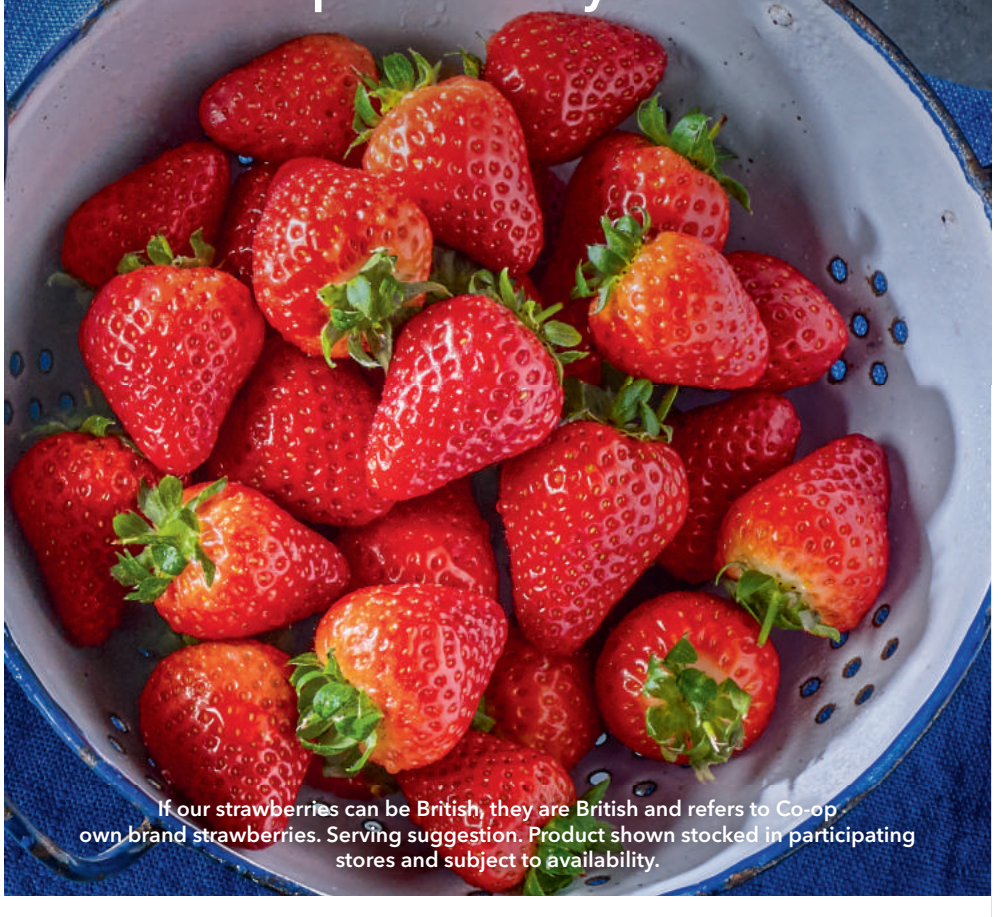

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New drive to recruit more foster carers

WITH around 20 children in the county needing homes each week, Lancashire County Council is once again looking to recruit new foster carers.

And with the authority having recently increased the allowances payable, it is hoped that people who have considered fostering previously but weren't sure they could afford it, may now find it a viable option.

Foster carers can now expect to receive between £241 and £415 per week for each child they care for.

An information evening for those interested is being held tonight (Wednesday, August 16) starting at 6pm at County Hall, Preston offering the oppportunity to meet experienced social workers and current carers and ask questions .

Booking isn't necessary but anyone wishing to take part is asked to arrive early.

County Councillor Susie Charles, Lancashire's cabinet member for children, young people and schools, said: "We have increased our allowances to foster carers this year in recognition of their valuable role in providing loving homes for the children in our care.

"There is also a rising demand for placements with more children and young people coming into the care of the local authority each week.

"We are looking for people who can foster all ages of children, particularly siblings who need to stay together and teenagers. No formal experience or qualifications are needed, all we ask is that you have a spare room available and want to make a difference to a child's life."

A package of support is available 24/7 to help foster carers, including local support groups, their own social worker, a dedicated helpline and flexible training.

Anyone interested but unable to attend the information evening can contact the fostering recruitment team on 0300 123 6723 or visit the website: www.lancashire.gov.uk/fostering.

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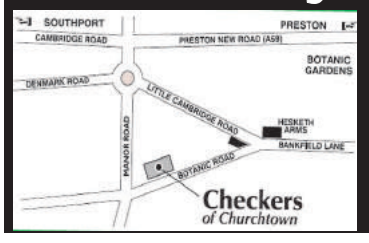

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Joanne Fairclough with Aughton Male Voice Choir on tour to Germany in 2016.

New choir looking for singers

Report by **Kenny Parker**

FIND yourself singing in the shower and thinking heaven must be missing an angel?

Well, help is at hand. Joanne Fairclough, a music teacher and pianist with the Aughton Male Voice Choir (AMVC) is looking for men, women, and children over the age of 11, to join her in a new choir she is planning to set up next month.

The new choir, which will be called The Consolette Choir, named after the piano she first received at seven years old, will meet for rehearsals at the Stanley Club, Liverpool Road North, Burscough, on Tuesday nights 7.30-9.30pm from September 12. It is open to people of any ability and the cost will be £5 per week. As she plans to play a broad range of music styles from music hall, pop, folk, African, and classical, she says the emphasis is just on having fun.

Joanne, 56, an accomplished pianist, has been thinking of this new project for about a year. She finally decided to take the plunge after being inspired by Caroline Lusher, the founder of award winning and nationwide Rock Choir, when recently attending her daughter's graduation at the London College of Music.

"I need people to get in touch with me. Beginners are welcome and you do not have to have any experience," she said.

For more information, contact Joanne on 01704 896824 or 07791 461739, or email joanneffairclough@outlook.com.

AMVC rehearse on Mondays at Aughton Village Hall, Winifrid Lane, at 7.30pm (8pm every second Monday) and new members are always welcome.

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CHILDREN of all ages can join Dusty Duck, pick up their very own free log book and become real-life wildlife rangers at WWT Martin Mere Wetland Centre this summer holiday.

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Has autumn arrived so early?

A CHAMPION reader was alarmed to spot that autumn appears to have reached Tarleton very early this year - as some of the trees and bushes have already started shedding their leaves!

Michael Lonsdale from Tarleton took a photograph showing a huge pile of leaves mounting up on the pavement in Mark's Square recently. He said: "It looks very much like autumn has already arrived with the amount of leaves on the pavement. The trees don't look too good - do any readers know if it was the dry spring or if they are they diseased? Or has Autumn really come at the beginning of August? Is it the same in other areas?"

Dr. Bill Hanlin from crop and plant management company Wilkes County Centre said: "Trees drop their leaves early for a variety of reasons. Leaves that have been infested with insects or diseases will, often, drop early. Pests like scales, mites and white flies can also cause early defoliation. Spraying a pesticide will eliminate the infestation, but may not be practical for large trees.

"Another reason trees drop their leaves early is drought stress. We have had a couple of dry periods this summer which can put considerable stress on area trees. Mulching and deep watering will prevent the tree from being stressed in dry years."

Michael Lonsdale's photograph shows a huge pile of leaves mounting up in Tarleton

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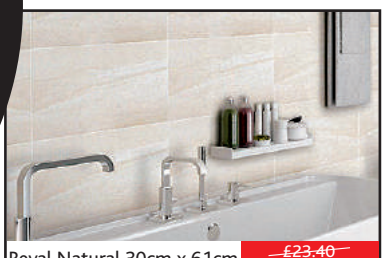

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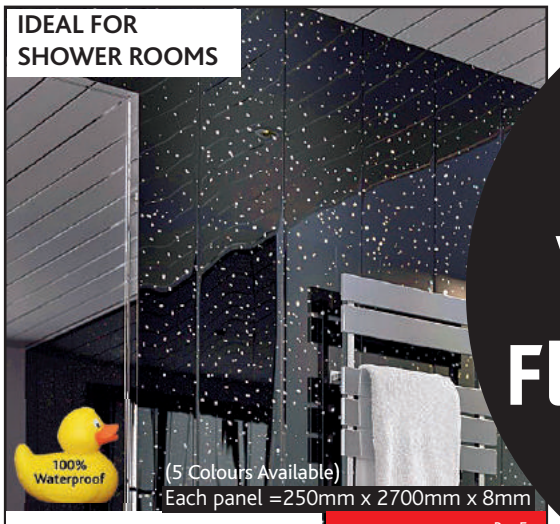

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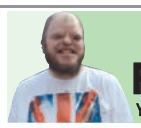

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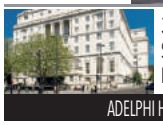

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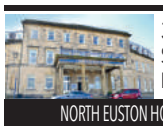

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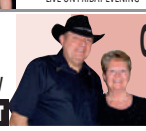

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On track for shaky transport future - all thanks to those not-so-bright sparks in Government!

OH, the power of the press!

Within minutes of the Champion popping through her door last week, Louisa Hopkins - remember, the lady who lost her keyring? - contacted me and we had a lovely chat.

Unhappily, the errant keyring, which carried a photo of her late husband, is still missing. Louisa is virtually certain she took it out of her bag while paying for her shopping at Morrison's in Maghull.

She told me: "I was talking and laughing with the girl on the till and thought no more about it until I got home and found I had no key!"

I reckon the keyring must have remained on the checkout and been accidentally scooped up with someone else's shopping. So, if you've discovered a stray keyring fitting the description, please return it to Morrison's who will reunite it with Louisa.

All of which doesn't bring me neatly to what I was going to talk about this week - diesel (and petrol), electricity, and the perfidy of government.

I listened to the announcement that diesel and petrol vehicles will be banned from our roads by 2040 and I presume this would also cover such machines as my poor old boat, *Manxman*, fitted as she is with a diesel engine.

That could seriously upset me but it doesn't though because by the proposed cut-off date I would be seriously elderly and somehow doubt I could still be afloat by then.

But the sheer stupidity, untruths, and gall of the Government truly astounds me.

I'm fine with wanting to save the planet and make our air breathable, but to blithely commit the nation to finding a sustainable alternative energy source without any real idea of what, is staggering.

Electric vehicles are fine, though from what I've been told the carbon footprint for the production of these is quite enormous. And electric trains are fine too; at least they have a proven track record.

So our trains' future at least seems secure.

But it isn't, is it? Because this same Government which is hell-bent on committing us to a somewhat shaky electric future on the roads, has also just announced that it will not, after all, be pressing ahead with the electrification of hundreds of miles of railway. It would apparently be too expensive and bad value for money.

Not to worry though - the Government has a crafty plan. The wonderful, electric-powered new express train will still go ahead. The original plan was for these trains to take over from the HST 125mph diesel trains on lines to the Midlands, Wales, and the South West. For some short unelectified lengths of track some of them would also be fitted with relatively small diesel engines.

Now though, many of these wonderful new trains will be expected to run hundreds of miles on the now not-to-be-electrified lines at HST schedules (or better), so they will need BIG diesel engines in order even to (nearly) keep to present timings.

Two faced or what?

Mind you, I have never been a fully committed member of the overhead electrification brigade. How many times have you turned on the radio or TV in the morning, to hear that trains have been cancelled because of damage (either through bad weather or simply failure) to the overhead wiring?

Which, of course, brings the whole line to a stop, because unlike a diesel train failure you cannot simply send out another (diesel) unit to tow the casualty away. First you have to un-knit the tangle of overhead wiring (obviously with all power switched off) and THEN send a diesel to drag the culprit home.

That's the 'Sparks Effect' for you.

Care home friends enjoy a right 'Royal' treat at the Clifton!

CARE providers from West Lancs and Sefton teamed up to hold an afternoon tea event for a friendship group made up of elderly residents.

The Community Activities Hub, launched earlier this year by Athena Health Care Group's former head of healthcare, Gaye Clark and events co-ordinator, Lesley Malone, aims to bring together care home residents from both areas to make friends and enjoy day trips out.

For their latest gathering residents from Abbey Wood Lodge, Ormskirk, Arranmore Park, Burscough and Parklands Lodge, Dale Park Care Home and the Promenade Rest Home, in Southport, met at the resort's Royal Clifton Hotel for lunch and entertainment.

Lesley Malone said: "Parklands Lodge resident, Ruby Slater, helped to organise the friendship event with activity co-ordinators. She chose the colour of the flowers for the table centrepieces, the music and the food served.

"And thanks go to the Royal Clifton for their hospitality and to Rob Steel for great entertainment."

The Community Activities Hub group event in full swing at the Royal Clifton

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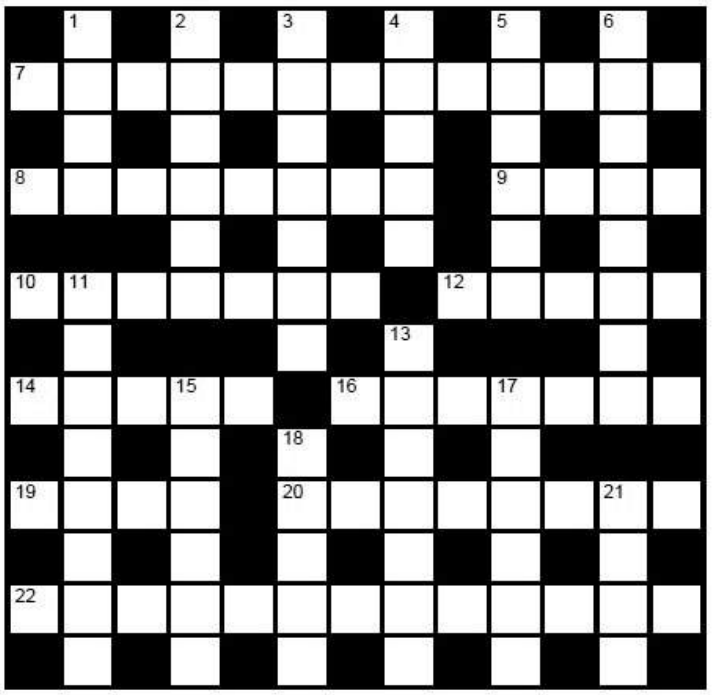

Last week's solutions:
Across: 7. Deform. 8. Marshy. 9. Doss. 10. Ignominy. 11. Stadium. 13. Satyr. 15. Diary. 16. Pass out. 18. Biathlon. 19. Harm. 21. Throne. 22. Frolic.
Down: 1. Zero. 2. Consideration. 3. Omnibus. 4. Amend. 5. Grammar school. 6. Thank you. 12. Twilight. 14. Magnify. 17. Sleet. 20. Rail.

ACROSS

7. Sequence of words, usually alliterative, difficult to pronounce quickly and correctly (6,7)
8. Overwhelm, flood (8)
9. Plant of the grass family that grows in water or on marshy ground (4)
10. Portable breathing device used for relieving asthma or other bronchial congestion (7)
12. Take without permission (5)
14. Come or go into (a place) (5)
16. Meat trader (7)
19. Deride, boo (4)
20. Dead or appear to be (8)
22. Units used in measuring distance at sea (8, 5)

DOWN

1. Hard, permanent outgrowth, often curved and pointed, found on the heads of certain animals (4)
2. East African country, capital Kampala (6)
3. Overdue (7)
4. Person that something belongs to (5)
5. Vivacious cleverness or wit (6)
6. Tea, coffee, beer etc. (8)
11. Chemical element such as carbon, nitrogen or phosphorus for example (8)
13. Common name for the American bison (7)
15. List of corrected errors appended to a book (6)
17. Any of several breeds of dog bred for herding sheep (6)
18. Utensil with broad, flat blade for lifting foods such as cake and fish (5)
21. Expel large quantities of (something) rapidly and forcibly (4)

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There will be 22 local acts over two stages and the money will go towards the foundation which helps musicians.

There will be free entry to the event with one stage indoors and one stage outdoors. The music will start at 1pm on the Saturday and 7pm on the Friday.

The headline act on the Friday is the Wigan Punk band called Riggotts, and Redeyed Jedi – a six piece ska band are the headline act on the Saturday.

Steve Horrocks, who is director of the E Rooms said: "The Joe Strummer Foundation's aims to provide opportunities to musicians and support to projects around the world that create empowerment through music. The foundation was set up by Joe Strummer, who was the Clash lead singer.

"It is hard work trying to organise 22 bands to play at the event. We have been working on this for the last three months and hope to raise lots of money.

"We usually hold a charity festival every year, but this is the first time that we have organised one for the Joe Strummer Foundation.

"During the weekend there will be a festival atmosphere and there will be hot dogs for sale. Hopefully the sun will shine and everyone will have a fantastic time."

For more information on the bands that will be playing at the festival call 01695 731016.

Billie Piper (Her) in Yerma at the Young Vic. Photo by Johan Persson

Best films from Hollywood being shown at Picture House

THERE is a mix of films from Hollywood and presentations from the National Theatre over the coming months at Parbold Picture House.

Jackie, which looks at the life of Jacqueline "Jackie" Kennedy on the days following the assassination of President John F Kennedy, is being shown on Sunday, August 20 at 7pm. It stars Natalie Portman, Peter Sarsgaard and Billy Crudup.

There is to be a National Theatre NT Live presentation on Tuesday, August 22 at 7pm of Angels in America Part 2: Perestroika.

Yerma is being shown on Thursday, August 31 at 7pm. It stars Billie Piper, who won the 2017 Olivier Award for Best Actress for her role in the production.

On Sunday, September 3 at 7pm Their Finest can be seen. It features Gemma Arterton, Bill Nighy, and Sam Clafin. Their Finest is a romantic drama about a film crew making propaganda films during WWII.

Arrival can be seen on Sunday, September 17 at 7pm. The director is Denis Villeneuve and the film stars Amy Adams, Jeremy Renner and Forest Whitaker. In the film an expert linguist is called on to communicate with extra-terrestrials.

On Sunday, October 1 at 7pm Denial is being shown. It is directed by Mick Jackson and stars Rachel Weisz, Tom Wilkinson and Timothy Spall. It is the true story of the libel case of David Irving against Deborah Lipstadt on the issue of 'Holocaust Denial'.

People can see Paterson on Sunday, October 15 at 7pm. It is directed by Jim Jarmusch and stars Adam Driver, Golshifteh Farahani, Helen-Jean Arthur. This is a film about a week in the life of a bus-driver poet in the city of Paterson, New Jersey.

For more information on these shows contact 01257 464533, or email – parboldpicturehouse@gmail.com, or visit www.parboldpicturehouse.org

Popular rock & roll show returns

AFTER three decades of touring, the Rock & Roll variety production That'll Be The Day returns to Southport Theatre with another show.

That'll Be The Day is well-known for its ability to evoke nostalgia with live entertainment.

Having delighted audiences throughout the UK for over three decades, the show is back on the road once again this year entertaining crowds of fans with classic hits from the 1950s, '60s & '70s plus more comedy!

The show makes its regular August bank holiday weekend visit to Southport Theatre on Saturday, August 26 at 7.30pm.

Originally established on the cabaret circuit in the late 1980s, the show began playing regional theatres in the early 1990s. Now it performs over 200 shows a year to capacity audiences across the UK. Trevor Payne (who first created the show back in 1986!) still directs, produces and stars in the production today.

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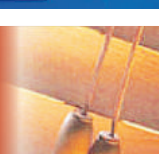

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Closing date: 4pm on Friday 1 September 2017

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DEATHS

WESTON BARBARA OLIVE

7th August 2017
Peacefully in Hospital
Aged 89 years
of Ormskirk

The dearly loved Wife of the late Cliff, a loving Mum, Grandma and Great-Grandma. Funeral service at West Lancashire Crematorium, Pippin Street, Burscough on Friday 18th August 2017 at 10:45am. All enquiries to Melanie Hardman of H. Hardman & Co., Independent Family Funeral Directors of Ormskirk, Skelmersdale & Scarisbrick. Tel:- 01695 722122/720012

RIMMER DEREK

12th August 2017
Passed away peacefully in Southport Hospital, aged 79 years

Devoted Husband of Ann, much loved Dad of Deborah, and a loving Grandad of Helen and Paul. Funeral Service at West Lancashire Crematorium on Thursday 24th August at 1.00pm. Family flowers only please but donations if so desired for Cancer Research UK. Donations and further enquiries please to Sally Hunter, MLS Independent Funeral Directors, 20 Moss Delph Lane, Aughton, Ormskirk. Tel 01695 424888.

THAIN WILLIAM (BILL)

9th August 2017
Peacefully at his home in Ormskirk, aged 92 years

The dearly loved Husband of the late May, loving Dad of Lorna, devoted Grandad of Haydn, Kerry & David and Linton & Melanie and Great Grandad to Thomas, Esme, Isla and Lottie. Funeral service at West Lancashire Crematorium, Pippin Street, Burscough on Thursday 17th August 2017 at 2.30pm. Family flowers only please, donations if desired for Queenscourt Hospice. All enquiries to Melanie Hardman of H Hardman & Co., Independent Family Funeral Directors of Ormskirk, Skelmersdale & Scarisbrick. Tel 01695 722122/720012

CHUBBS GAVIN LEE

On 5th August 2017
Suddenly at home
Aged 39 years.

Dearly loved Son of Sheila and the late Graham, devoted and loving Father of Jason, Leon and Kara, dear Granddad of Jack, and Brother of Antony, Joanne and Karl. 'Gavin will be sadly missed by Shell, Sammy and all his family and friends'. Funeral service and committal will take place at Southport Crematorium on Friday 25th August at 2:40pm. Flowers or donations if so desired for 'Winston's Wish'. Flowers Donations and further enquiries please to M Rushton Funeral Directors 100 Marshside Road, Southport, PR9 9YG. Tel: 01704 214118

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DAWSON JOYCE AMY (Nee White)

5th August 2017
Aged 93 years at Lakeside View, Southport

Joyce was much loved by her late Husband Geoff, Children Judith and Richard, Grandchildren Ben, Tom, Leah, Sammy, Joe and Noah, Great Grandchildren Harry, Sam, Effie, Freddie and Baby Ethan (born 4th August) and by her many friends. Service at Thornton Crematorium on Wednesday 23rd August at 2.00pm. Our sincere thanks to the staff at Lakeside View for the love and care they gave to Joyce. Family flowers only but donations if desired to Jospice c/o H-Leslie Humphreys, 69 Liverpool Road, Crosby L23 5SE. Tel 0151 924 4805.

JOHNSON ROGER

7th August 2017
Passed away suddenly in hospital
Aged 78 years
of Aughton

Dearly loved Husband of Helen, much loved Dad of Richard & Peta. Funeral Service at West Lancashire Crematorium, Burscough on Monday 21st August at 11.30am. Family flowers only please, donations if so desired for Parkinson's Research. Donations and further enquiries please to Sally Hunter MLS Independent Funeral Directors, 20, Moss Delph Lane, Aughton, Ormskirk. Tele: 01695 424888.

BOLTON NORMA (Nee Hesketh)

6th August 2017
Peacefully at home in her loving husbands arms, aged 72 years

Much loved Wife of Roy, devoted Mum of Nicola and Aaron, cherished Nan of Daniel and Lucy, dear Mother-in-law of Howard and Joy, will be sadly missed by all her family and friends. Funeral service will take place at West Lancashire Crematorium on Thursday 17th August at 10.45am, family flowers only please by request, donations if desired for Queenscourt Hospice or any chosen charity. All enquiries Margaret Whitelam, Skelmersdale Funeral Service, 29/31 Sandy Lane Tel 01695 559868.

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DEATHS

ROBERTS PAT

(Formerly Glover - Nee Carr)

8th August 2017

Aged 85 Years

Loving Mum of Mike, Paul, Brent and Sharon, cherished Nan and Great Grandma of all her Grandchildren, a dear Mother-in-law and a friend to many, will be sadly missed by all her family and friends. It will be family flowers only please by request, donations if desired for the Alzheimer's Society. For funeral details and further enquiries please contact Margaret Whitelam, Skelmersdale Funeral Service, 29/31 Sandy Lane. Tel 01695 559868.

GALLAGHER RICHARD JOSEPH (RICHIE)

9th August 2017

Passed away at home after a courageous battle, aged 85 years

Dearly loved Husband of the late Doreen, much loved Dad of Ann and Lola his dog. Loved Brother of Maureen. Will be sadly missed by his family and friends. Funeral service at St Helens Parish Church, Sefton on Thursday 24th August 2017 at 11.45am followed by cremation at Thornton Crematorium at 12.40. Family flowers only please but if desired donations to the Donkey Sanctuary or Save The Children c/o H-Leslie Humphreys, 69 Liverpool Road, Crosby L23 5SE. Tel 0151 924 4805.

BRYANT MARGARET CLARE

On 4th August 2017

Peacefully in hospital

Aged 79 years

and of Parbold

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DEATHS

ROBERTS PAT

Sadly passed away on 8th August 2017, aged 85 years

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ROBERTS PAT

Suddenly at home on 8th August 2017

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The family of the late Frank Kerrigan wish to express their sincere thanks to everyone for the kindness and sympathy shown during their recent bereavement. Also for the kind donations to Queenscourt Hospice who provided much support during Frank's illness. Thanks also to Father Gamble and Co Op Funeral care

CURRAN ROSE

The family of the late Rose Curran would like to give their sincere thanks for all the kindness and sympathy shown during their recent bereavement. Thanks also for the many donations for Queenscourt Hospice and H.Hardman & Co Funeral Directors for their dignified funeral arrangements.

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COPELAND ROGER

Gill and family would like to thank all their friends and neighbours for their kindness and support at this sad time. Thank you all for the cards and donations to Autism Initiatives. With special thanks to the staff at Manchester House Nursing Home who treated Roger with the utmost care, kindness and respect during his time there. Also thanks to Rev. Martin Abrams who gave a beautiful service and was a great help during this time. With thanks also to Derek Crawford and his team at Howard's Funeral Directors who did everything to accommodate the family's wishes.

LLOYD DOREEN

The family of the late Doreen Lloyd would like to sincerely thank all relatives, friends and neighbours, for all their messages of condolence, sympathy cards and donations for Queenscourt Hospice received during their recent sad loss of a much loved Mum, Nan and Great Grandmother. Thanks also to Rev. Ross Moughtin for his kind ministrations and MLS Independent Funeral Directors for their dignified funeral arrangements.

TORRENS MARGARET

The Family of the late Margaret Torrens would like to express their hearfelt thanks to relatives, friends and neighbours for all their messages of condolence, sympathy cards and donations for The British Heart Foundation, received during their recent sad loss. Special thanks to Deacon Ken Breen for his kind words of comfort, and Lisa Hunter MLS Independent Funeral Directors for their dignified funeral arrangements.

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IN MEMORIAM

MUNRO

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Always in my thoughts.

Loving Mum.

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IN MEMORIAM

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18th August

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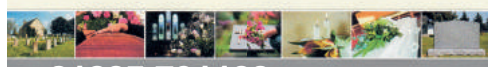

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(Make Request).

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PUBLIC NOTICES

THE LANCASHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL
(WEST LANCASHIRE SUMMER TRIATHLON EVENT, WESTHEAD, LATHOM, WEST LANCASHIRE BOROUGH)
(TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF THROUGH TRAFFIC) ORDER 2017

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Lancashire County Council ("The County Council") intend to make an Order under **Section 16A** of the **Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984**, as amended, the effect of which will be to temporarily prohibit any motor vehicle or cycle (apart from those participating in the event) from proceeding over the following lengths of highway, in the Borough of West Lancashire, as set out below;.
i. School Lane, from its junction with Vicarage Lane to its junction with Whiteley's Lane,
ii. Ruff Lane, from its junction with Vicarage Lane to its junction with Scarth Hill Lane,
iii. Whiteley's Lane from its junction with Scarth Hill Lane to its junction with A577 Wigan Road (Lathom),
iv. Vicarage Lane in a North East and Easterly direction from its junction with Ruff Lane to its junction with School Lane,
v. Ruff Lane in a South Easterly direction from its junction with Beech Meadow to its junction with Vicarage Lane

An alternative route for vehicular traffic affected by the closures is as follows;
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ii. Ruff Lane - A570 Knowsley Road - A577 Wigan Road - A577 Cross Hall Brow - School Lane - Vicarage Lane
iii. A577 Wigan Road - A577 Cross Hall Brow - A577 Wigan Road A570 St Helens Road - Scarth Hill Lane and vice versa

Pedestrian access will be maintained at all times, vehicular access will be maintained whenever and wherever possible.

The Police, Fire and Ambulance Services have been informed.

The temporary prohibition is necessary to enable the safe holding of the West Lancashire Summer Triathlon event 2017.

The prohibitions will be operative from, 0700 hours until 1230 hours on Sunday 27th August 2017, or sooner if the event finishes earlier

Michael White, Network Regulation Manager
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LOTTERY RESULTS

THE LANCASHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL
(MOTORFEST VEHICLE PARADE EVENT, ORMSKIRK, WEST LANCASHIRE)
(TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF THROUGH TRAFFIC) (TEMPORARY SUSPENSION OF ONE-WAY TRAFFIC) ORDER 2017

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Lancashire County Council ("The County Council") intend to make an Order under **Section 16A** of the **Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984**, as amended, the effect of which will be to temporarily prohibit any motor vehicle or cycle (apart from those participating in the parade) from proceeding over the full lengths of road, unless otherwise stated, in Ormskirk, in the Borough of West Lancashire, the details of which are set out in the Schedule to this Order.

Alternative routes for vehicular traffic affected by the closure will be:
i) A570 Liverpool Road (Bickerstaffe) - A506 Liverpool Road (Bickerstaffe) - Long Lane (Bickerstaffe) - Long Lane (Aughton) - B5197 Prescot Road - B5197 St Annes Road - A59 Holburn Hill - A59 County Road and vice versa.
ii) A570 Ormskirk Road (Bickerstaffe) - A570 St Helens Road - A570 Knowsley Road - A577 Wigan Road and vice versa.

Pedestrian access to properties will be available at all times. Vehicular access to properties will be restricted.

The Police, Fire and Ambulance Services have been informed.

The temporary prohibition is necessary to allow the holding of the "Motorfest" Vehicle Parade event.

The prohibition will be operative from 1430 hours until 1700 hours on Sunday 27th August 2017, or sooner if the event finishes earlier

AND FURTHER, the existing one-way traffic restrictions on Moorgate, Ormskirk, will be temporarily suspended for the duration of the event.

Michael White, Network Regulation Manager
Lancashire Highway Services, 0300 123 6701

[Ref: HRiT/8625/WH]

Schedule of Temporary Road Closures
Motorfest Vehicle Parade Event, Ormskirk 2017
A570 Derby Street West; from its junction with A570 Southport Road to its junction with B5319 Burscough Street. A570 Derby Street; from its junction with B5319 Burscough Street to its junction with A570 Stanley Street. A570 Stanley Street; from its junction with A570 Derby Street to its junction with A577 Moor Street/Wigan Road. A577 Moor Street; from its junction with A577 Wigan Road to its junction with A577 St Helens Road. A577 St Helens Road; from its junction with A577 Moor Street to its junction with A570 Park Road. A570 Park Road; from its junction with A577 St Helens Road to its junction with A570 Church Street. A577 Moor Street; from its junction with A577 St Helens Road to its junction with Railway Road (0900-1700).

Reversing Flow on existing one way Street
Moorgate
Plus an Order to reverse the flow of existing one way traffic during the closure period on Moorgate between its junctions with Park Road and Bridge Street.

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Planning (Listed Buildings & Conservation Areas) Act 1990 Town and Country Planning (Development Management Procedure) (England) Order 2015 - Article 15

APPLICATION(S) FOR PLANNING PERMISSION

Application No: 2017/0688/FUL Erection of a new glasshouse and replacement of existing glasshouse at Mere House Nurseries, 69 Jacksmere Lane, Scarisbrick.

APPLICATION(S) AFFECTING A CONSERVATION AREA / LISTED BUILDING

Application No: 2017/0769/LBC Listed Building Consent - External works (Retrospective) at Manor Cottage, Miry Lane, Parbold.
Application No: 2017/0770/FUL External works (Retrospective) at Manor Cottage, Miry Lane, Parbold.
Application No: 2017/0775/FUL Amendment to approved plans for the conversion of barn to dwelling, including single storey extension at Barn Hey, Hall Lane, Lathom.
Application No: 2017/0776/LBC Listed Building Consent - Amendment to approved plans for the conversion of barn to dwelling, including single storey extension at Barn Hey, Hall Lane, Lathom.
Application No: 2017/0817/FUL Replacement south western elevation involving a single-storey extension to the existing ground floor gym including internal re-modelling to the cellar stair location along with internal modifications to the ground floor parlour and lounge and first floor modifications to the master bedroom and guest bedrooms at Harrock Hall, Harrock Lane, Wrightington.
Application No: 2017/0818/LBC Listed Building Consent - Replacement south western elevation involving a single storey extension to the existing ground floor gym including internal re-modelling to the cellar stair location along with internal modifications to the ground floor parlour and lounge and first floor modifications to the master bedroom and guest bedrooms at Harrock Hall, Harrock Lane, Wrightington.
Application No: 2017/0820/FUL First floor side Extension above an existing garage at The Meadow, Hillock Lane, Scarisbrick.
The applications are available for viewing on the Council's website www.westlancs.gov.uk/planning. Alternatively, the application can be viewed during normal office hours at 52 Derby Street, Ormskirk and at 1st Floor, The Concourse, Skelmersdale. If you wish to comment on the proposal you can do so via the Council's web site, by e.mail to plan.apps@westlancs.gov.uk or in writing to Development and Regeneration Services, 52 Derby Street, Ormskirk, but these must be received within 21 days of the date of this notice quoting the application no. Any comments made will be available for public inspection.
Applications for Minor Commercial and Householder Development
In the event that an appeal is made against a decision of the Council to refuse to grant planning permission for the proposed development, and that appeal then proceeds by way of the expedited procedure under the written representations procedure, any representations made to the Council about an application will be passed to the Secretary of State and there will be no opportunity to make further representations.

John R Harrison DipEnvP., MRTPI Dated: 16th August 2017
Director of Development and Regeneration PDNOT961

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PUBLIC NOTICES

LANCASHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL
(SANDY LANE AND WITHAM ROAD, SKELMERSDALE, WEST LANCASHIRE BOROUGH)
(TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF THROUGH TRAFFIC) ORDER 2017

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Lancashire County Council intend to make an Order under **Section 14(1) (a) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984**, as amended, the effect of which will be to temporarily prohibit traffic on the roads set out in this notice.

1. No person shall cause any motor vehicle to proceed over that length of Sandy Lane and Witham Road, Skelmersdale from Clayton Street to a point outside property number 12 Witham Road.

2. The prohibition will be operative from 0600 hours on 28/08/2017 until 0800 hours on 15/09/2017 or until completion of the works within this period.

3. An alternative route for vehicular traffic affected by the closure is via:- No Diversion route required - Pedestrian access for residents will be maintained.

The temporary prohibition is necessary to allow carriageway resurfacing works to be carried out.

Authority given for this Order to be made:
Michael White, Network Regulation Manager
Lancashire Highway Services, 0300 123 6701

[Ref: HRiT/7907/WH]

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LANCASHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL
(MOSS LANE, HESKETH BANK, WEST LANCASHIRE BOROUGH)
(TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF THROUGH TRAFFIC) ORDER 2017

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Lancashire County Council have made an Order under **Section 14(1) (a) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984**, as amended, the effect of which will be to temporarily prohibit traffic on the roads set out in this notice.

1. No person shall cause any motor vehicle to proceed over that length of Moss lane, Hesketh Bank from outside property number 407 to outside property number 429.

2. The prohibition will be operative from 0800 hours on 21/08/2017 until 1700 hours on 29/08/2017 or until completion of the works within this period.

3. An alternative route for vehicular traffic affected by the closure is via:- Moss Lane - Station Road - Shore Road - Hundred End Lane - Taylors Meanygate - Moss Lane and vice versa

The temporary prohibition is necessary to allow utilities works to be carried out.

Authority given for this Order to be made:
Michael White, Network Regulation Manager
Lancashire Highway Services, 0300 123 6701

[Ref: HRiT/6843/WH]

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LANCASHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL
(POOL HEY LANE (LC), SCARISBRICK, WEST LANCASHIRE BOROUGH)
(TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF THROUGH TRAFFIC) ORDER 2017

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Lancashire County Council have made an Order under **Section 14(1) (a) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984**, as amended, the effect of which will be to temporarily prohibit traffic on the roads set out in this notice.

1. No person shall cause any motor vehicle, cycle or pedestrian to proceed over that length of Pool Hey Lane (LC) from a point 20 metres either side of the level crossing.

2. The prohibition will be operative from 2200 hours on 21/08/2017 until 0800 hours on 22/08/2017 or until completion of the works within this period.

3. An alternative route for vehicular traffic affected by the closure is via:- A570 Southport Road - Snape Green - Wyke Cop Road - Wyke Lane and vice versa.

The temporary prohibition is necessary to allow Level Crossing Maintenance works to be carried out.

Authority given for this Order to be made:
Michael White, Network Regulation Manager
Lancashire Highway Services, 0300 123 6701

[Ref: HRiT/7921/WH]

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LANCASHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL
(SMITHY LANE, SCARISBRICK, WEST LANCASHIRE BOROUGH)
(TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF THROUGH TRAFFIC) ORDER 2017

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Lancashire County Council have made an Order under **Section 14(1) (a) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984**, as amended, the effect of which will be to temporarily prohibit traffic on the roads set out in this notice.

1. No person shall cause any motor vehicle to proceed over that length of Smithy Lane, Scarisbrick from its Junction with Southport Road to its junction with Moorfield Lane.

2. The prohibition will be operative from 0830 hours on 21/08/2017 until 1700 hours on 25/08/2017 or until completion of the works within this period.

3. An alternative route for vehicular traffic affected by the closure is via:- Smithy Lane - A570 Southport Road - Bescar Brow Lane - Hall Road - Dam Wood Lane - Heatons Bridge Road - Smithy Lane and vice versa.

The temporary prohibition is necessary to allow utility works to be carried out.

Authority given for this Order to be made:
Michael White, Network Regulation Manager
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[Ref: HRiT/8752/WH]

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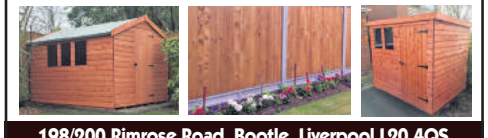

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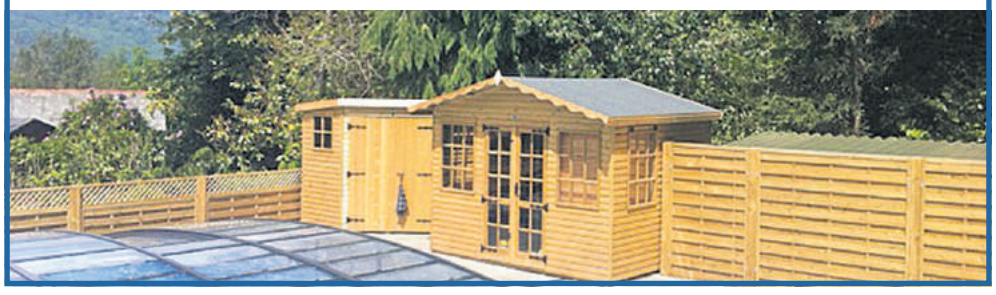

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WILLY Russell fans might want to stick around for this week's motoring musings. It's essentially *Blood Brothers* in four-wheeled format, albeit starring a couple of old Peugeots rather than two Scousers separated at birth.

Our two protagonists both happen to 205 GTis, born in the same French factory and fitted with the same delightfully revvy 1.9-litre, 105bhp engine. They were even painted the same shade of Alpine White, and both were welcomed into a world where excitable road testers thought the 205 GTi was the best hot hatch ever made. With the exception of not quite having the same birthday – oh alright, one's three years older than the other – they're pretty much identical.

Except, as anyone familiar with Liverpudlian musicals will testify, they really aren't. Our two go-faster Peugeots, having led very different lives once they'd left the factory, both happened to go under the hammer at two separate auctions within 24 hours of each other recently. The younger of the two, which had done 103,000 miles but definitely wasn't a shabby example, was yours for a shade under six grand. But its older brother has fewer than 6000 miles on the clock and has been doted on for the past five years by a Peugeot evangelist, so you'd expect it'd fetch a little bit more at auction.

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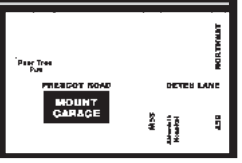

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Ormskirk win thriller to make National Cup semi-final

ORMSKIRK beat Yorkshire side Hanging Heaton by two wickets in a thrilling quarter final of the Royal London National Knockout on Sunday.

The Bradford League side won the toss and batted and set a decent target of 229, with Scott Lees and Alex Mason each taking three wickets.

Ormskirk kept up with the run rate in reply but lost key wickets at key times to put the result in doubt until the penultimate over.

Michael Jones again top scored with 71, ably assisted by Josh Bohannon (34) and Gary Knight (30).

But it was left to Tom Hartley to hit the winning runs in the gloom to set up a semi-final at Wolverhampton on Sunday, August 27.

They had been involved another tight match the day before in their Liverpool & District Cricket Competition Premier Division encounter at Colwyn Bay, *writes Glenn Wallworth*.

Ormskirk were asked to bat first and racked up 267-3 dec, with Michael Jones 82 and unbeaten 53's from George Lavelle and Gary Knight leading the way, whilst both Andy Baybutt with 37 and Josh Bohannon 34 went passed 500 league runs for the season.

In reply, Buddhika 79 and Johansen 46 top scored for the hosts who ended on 254-9 with Ormskirk just unable to force victory despite Bohannon taking four wickets but they still stay well clear at the top of the table.

Ainsdale recorded their first win of the campaign with a ten wicket win at fellow strugglers Southport & Birkdale. S&B chose to bat and slid from 28-0 to 94 all out, with Sam White taking 5-35 and veteran Mal Swift bowling unchanged to finish with 4-41. In reply, Faiz Fazal hit an unbeaten 56* and Andy Davies was undefeated on 34*.

Bootle were held to a draw at home against Rainhill. The visitors were put in to bat and thanks to Sam Kershaw 54, Tyler McGladdery 53 and Mike Rotheram 35 put 203 up on the board, with Chris Liptrot taking 5-47. In reply, Vishal Tripathi 63 and Luke Procter 40 top scored as the hosts eventually settled for a draw on 169-5.

Northern and New Brighton fought out a draw at Moor Park, the visitors were bowled out for 196, with Andrew Clarke top scoring with 116. In reply, opener Liam Grey hit an unbeaten 69* as Northern were left hanging on at 165-9, with Ashraf Nawab taking 5-48.

Burscough hold on for a draw at Prestatyn

IN the First Division Burscough came away from Prestatyn with a draw on Saturday.

The hosts were asked to bat and thanks to 115 from Sheil Sethi and 52 from Danny Williams were able to declare their innings on 221-8, with Rob Glaysher 4-23 and skipper Jon Stone 3-51 doing most of the damage with the ball.

In reply, Burscough overcome a wobbly start to finish on 164-6 with Ben Van Niekerk scoring 46 and Stone 39 in good touch, with Kieron New taking 4-48.

They host Orrell Red Triangle on Saturday.

Brodie unlucky not find target in league opener for Skem

Brighouse Town 1
Skelmersdale United 0

SKELMERSDALE United returned over the Pennines last Saturday feeling a little hard done by, *writes Neil Leatherbarrow.*

Playing their first game in Division One North since 2013, on balance of play they deserved something out of a match that saw both sides go close to scoring a few more goals.

Brighouse started sharply and Jack Sims tipped a Callum Robinson shot over his crossbar.

At the other end, Richard Brodie was thwarted when home goalkeeper Chandler Hallwood dived low to push the ball for a corner.

Skelmersdale fielded just two players who had finished last season with the club, but signs that they are gelling into a team started to emerge.

A Richard Brodie effort comes off the post. Picture by Les Gallop.

Andy Owens and Brodie brought saves from Hallwood and then Brodie sneaked onto a Smith free-kick at the far post, his effort hit the far post then the crossbar before it was scrambled clear.

Seconds later, from a long clearance, Aaron Martin was put in by a Gabriel Johnson header at the other end. He elected to chip Sims, but the ball cleared the Skem bar.

The game took on an end to end manner and in the 50th minute Brodie was unlucky. Again coming in off the left, Brodie had a goal bound shot cleared off the goal-line by Connor Griffin.

Four minutes later home number ten Johnson held the ball up then pushed it back to Griffin, he found Martin with his pass and the striker saw two efforts blocked, but the latter effort spun into space allowing him a clear powerful right-footed shot from ten yards that fizzed into the net at head height.

The home team were able to defend and play more of a long ball game and neutralised many of Skem's attacks.

Skelmersdale were due to host Trafford last night (Tuesday) before they travel to Pontefract Collieries on Saturday in the FA Cup Preliminary Round.

Linnets fail to find breakthrough

Burscough 0
Northwich 1

BURSCOUGH fought hard but had to concede defeat in their opening North-West Counties League fixture.

The Linnets' first opportunity came from Jake Connelly thanks to a swift counter-attack on 25 minutes.

He lifted the ball over goalkeeper Greg Hall but defender Dan Meadowcroft rescued Northwich.

Burscough appear to have found a useful goalkeeper in Louis McCarthy and he was called into action early, saving from Scott McGowan and Adam Whitlock before the half-time.

Soon after the restart McCarthy made his best save of the match, to again keep out Whitlock after he was set up by Waite-Jackson.

It was not one way traffic though, and on 55 minutes the visitor's goalkeeper had to be at his best to keep out Christy Devlin as Burscough threatened.

It was to be Whitlock who got his name on the scoresheet in the 63rd minute, though it was not to be from a direct goal attempt.

He lifted a corner into a crowded goalmouth and McCarthy was blocked from reaching the ball, the resulting lofted ball drifted into the Burscough net on the wind, direct from Whitlock's corner.

Burscough were unlucky later on, manager Dave Sutton used all his substitutes then suffered a brace of injuries in quick succession, losing forward Adam Gilchrist and Hafeez Hamzat, leaving the Linnets with only nine men for the finale.

Burscough did push for an equaliser, but to no avail.

Burscough were due to face Barnoldswick Town last night (Tuesday) before they are in FA Cup action on Saturday when they travel to Radcliffe Borough in the Preliminary Round, with a possible home replay on Tuesday, August 22.

Boom Boom ready for third pro fight at Prenton Park

SKELMERSDALE boxer Colin 'Boom Boom' Day has his third professional fight at Prenton Park this Saturday (August 19) on the under card of the Sean "Masher" Dodd contest.

Day will fight Steven Backhouse, who is considered not an easy opponent for only his third fight.

Rob Butler, Colin's coach at the Rydal Gym in Kirkdale said: "Colin is brilliant.

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Colin Day

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Buying a new floor is never a decision to be taken lightly. The pitfalls are well known, from wrong flooring to poor finish, this is one area of a home or business premise that is overwhelming to contemplate without trustworthy advice.

Prestige Flooring in Ormskirk is owned by Stephen Ormrod and 20 years of experience have given Stephen a precious advantage over many competitors. He says: 'For me, it is all about personable service, we are more than a store, we are people who deal with people. We all need good carpets and floorings and I would never advise anyone on products I would not buy for my own use.'

Prestige Flooring offers a huge range of floors, from carpets to laminates and vinyls as well as solid wood and luxury vinyl flooring (Karndean, Amtico and Luvanto). The company undertakes domestic and business work and their viability is not least due to the amount of repeat business from satisfied customers. Something that Stephen appreciates and believes in.

It is not easy to pitch an independent business against a market, generally dominated by out of town outlets, all promising to be better than one another. Stephen believes his unique service is what makes the real difference. He says: 'Too often, people don't get the right advice and choose a colour or texture without realising that there is a better (and sometimes cheaper) alternative available. That's what we do here.... we are here to help, not confuse or push the most expensive things!'

To add to this, Prestige offers a great location in centre of town, easy parking, lowest prices and a promise of beating any like for like quotes. The company also brings samples and customers will benefit from a free measuring service and promise to find something within any budget. Stephen says: 'If you choose a Karndean design flooring, we can make the impossible possible!'

The company has known such success in the last few years that Stephen is looking to expand soon.

Honesty, reliability, best prices, choice, great value and service and a totally dedicated team to their customers make Prestige a unique and affordable solution, as far away from traditional national chain stores as it can be.

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Bartons have been established in St Helens for over 100 years and have built up a superb reputation for selling quality products and offering a professional service.

We are best known for supplying the town and surrounding area's with quality, affordable furniture, fires & surrounds and fitted bathrooms. However, earlier this year we also opened a stunning new kitchen department with a number of full displays available to view in store. As with the bathrooms we offer a complete design and installation service, including all appliances, and our friendly and knowledgeable team are on hand to guide you through the whole process. Looking further ahead we also have plans to open a new bed gallery before the end of the year!

Our bathroom department has been established for many years, and we have many big name brands such as Aqualisa, Vitra, Burlington and April Enclosures to name just a few. The same can be said for our fires and heating department where we supply and fit products from Valor, Dimplex, Elgin & Hall, Evonic and many more.

We employ all our own tradesmen so that we can ensure all the work we undertake is done to the highest standard and fully project managed, from the initial survey all the way through to completion.

Our furniture department has a real wow factor. People are often amazed when they walk through our doors at the variety and the beautifully put together displays. We pretty much have everything; Sofa's, dining sets, beds, sideboards, coffee tables, occasional furniture, Mirrors, pictures and much more. Our latest addition to the furniture department is the new 'Originals' range from La-Z-Boy where we are offering 25% off. We also have a 3-seater for the price of a 2-seater settee promotion on at the moment which is on until the 31st of August so there really has never been a better time to choose La-Z-Boy.

Here at Bartons we are very proud of what we do, customer satisfaction and consistency is at the forefront of the business. We feel that a visit to our showroom is a must, no matter if you are local or travelling from further afield, you will not be disappointed with the store. We are confident in saying that no matter what project you have in mind we have something for everybody and it's all under one roof.

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With an impressive showroom on Ormskirk Road, the company has more than 100 different fires on display at any one time, and carries both contemporary and modern styles, including a selection of unique, wall-hanging electric fires, gas fires, coal and log-effect fires and a number of exclusive brands of fires, which are available in wood burning, gas, electric and multi-fuel designs.

The Fireplace Studio also stock Faber fires which have gas burners situated inside artificial logs, which provides one of the most realistic fire effects on the market.

Specialising in solid wood mantels, the company has many styles, colours and materials to choose from, including luxury Italian stone. Portuguese stone, French limestone, marble, granite, oak, American tulip wood and mahogany.

They pride ourselves on offering customers something a bit different and continuously review our stock to provide the very latest contemporary fire designs as well as popular traditional styles.

Committed to quality, the specialist firm offers a full service, with fireplaces covered by a full manufacturer's warranty. A delivery service within the local area is also available.

Proud of its excellent reputation, the professional team is always happy to offer expert advice on the right fireplace for you. What's more, all fitters are fully qualified and GAS SAFE & HETAS registered and a complete after care service is provided as standard.

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Fish Finatics Aquatic Centre

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Champion focus

The last place you would expect to find a premier aquatic store would be on a trading estate but that's where you'll find Fish Finatics Aquatic Centre, located on the main route through Burscough Industrial Estate, Ringtail Road L40 8JY, opposite Merlin Park.

A well established family run business dealing in tropical, freshwater aquarium live stock and dry goods. Since opening, the owners Sue and Michael have adapted the business to suit the requirements of their customers. Marine species are no longer stocked and the focus of the business has shifted to a larger holding of tropical and freshwater fish.

As you walk through the door you first notice the space to move around and how clean the fish holding tanks are. The amount of fish stock is outstanding ranging from fancy goldfish, cichlids, discus and catfish to inverts, nano and temperate water fish. The fish look really healthy which is all down to what happens behind the scenes. Each species is kept in a life system designed for them, all fully automated from water changes to bacterial control. Unlike some stores all of Fish Finatics Aquatic Centre's new live stock is fully quarantined in a separate quarantine room for at least seven days before introduction into the display tanks. Any stock that shows signs of illness does not get moved to the display tanks and remains in quarantine to be assessed and treated. All of their livestock is imported from worldwide aquatic suppliers to ensure the quality and to make sure they are free from interbreeding.

As the diversity and quality of the stock is so good you will not be surprised to learn that Fish Club members travel by coach from around the UK, even from the far reaches of Scotland, to visit this store for their live stock needs.

Sue explained that to keep up with demand expansion is on the horizon. An additional 15 new display tanks will soon be installed in the main display area, which will be an extra 3,000 litres or water space. Plus later on in the year two side rooms are to be knocked into one space for a pond section which will be opened next year.

You would think with all this that the prices would be high but that is not the case. Sue and Michael are avid fish keepers and want everyone to enjoy the hobby, so for this reason you will find the prices very competitive even against the big stores.

I would have to say that this store is well worth a visit. Don't worry if you have to travel as they have a large front car park, access for wheelchairs, and a customer toilet which also includes wheelchair access.

If you have any special needs why not give Sue or Michael a call before your visit. You won't be disappointed.

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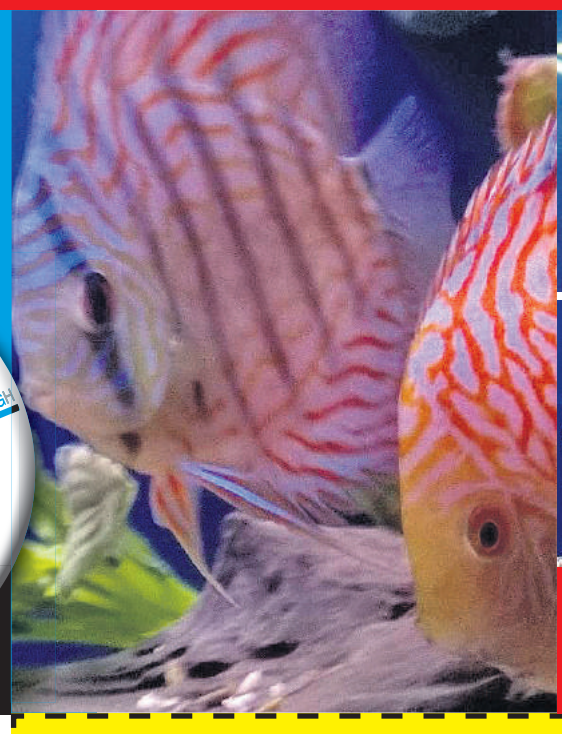

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Mark and his friendly team of staff invite a warm welcome to "Ormskirk's Greatest Hidden Gem!"

Now open on Mondays due to popular demand, Bramley's serves everything from coffee and cake, breakfasts, lunches and daily specials including gorgeous homemade burgers - they have something for everyone to enjoy.

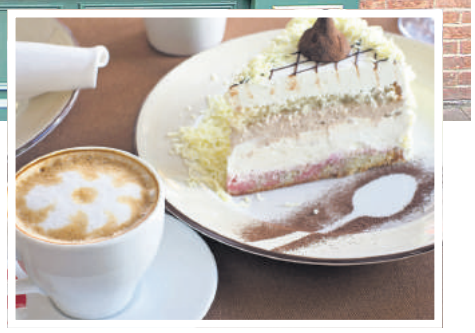
Hidden in Church Walks away from the busy high street, they take pride in offering a relaxed and comfortable atmosphere. Bramley's have proudly been providing Ormskirk residents and visitors with a haven from the hustle and bustle of the historic market town for years.

Bramley's really has it all! Close enough to town that you can 'drop once you've shopped' but feel perfectly relaxed in the warm, inviting surroundings that they offer.

Bramley's takes pride in really listening to their customers needs. They now open Mondays, so you can join them for a bite to eat or a coffee from Monday right through to Saturday.

Also following the success of their Brunch Menu, this has now been extended to an All Day Brunch! So if Eggs Benedict is your thing, or you've got a sweet tooth, the delicious Homemade Buttermilk Pancakes are for you!

Of course, they don't disappoint in the traditional breakfasts and brunches either. There are 'Full English' options to suit every appetite, including vegetarian choices



And how can we forget to mention the cakes! There is a huge variety, which makes it a hard choice as to what to have! The great thing is, Bramley's are confident you will return time after time, so you can make your way through the cake menu!

"It's been top quality since I first enjoyed a bite to eat there in the 1990's"
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As you would expect from a Great British Pub, food is stonkingly good, with classic dishes given modern twists and cooked by a team of local chefs who are constantly looking for the best local supplies. Alternatives such as vegan dishes are always on offer and the extensive menu has something for everyone. For the coffee lovers, The Ship offers true Barrista coffees made with locally roasted beans.
A meal at the Ship is a treat for the senses and booking is advisable as this is a very popular venue.

As you would also expect, The Ship hosts great local community involved events. This September (8 – 11) is your chance to go to The Ship's sixth annual Beer, Pie and Sausage festival where under a huge marquee you will be able to sample from 40 hand pulled real ales, 12 real ciders whilst listening to live music and enjoying pies, sausages and BBQ treats! This promises to be a fabulous event in a great location....

The Ship at Lathom enjoys a fine reputation and it is not too difficult to see why. Friendly and with a team paying huge attention to the smallest of details the Ship is the perfect venue for anyone who loves a fine English pub, steeped in traditional values but with a modern twist.

The area itself has much to offer and if you have not been a visitor before, don't miss an outing to The Ship. You will find it a perfect, enjoyable outing for the whole family, perfect for nature lovers, couples or just those who want to get away from it all for a few hours.

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For the older Princesses, we provide professional make up artists, an afternoon lunch setting including Mocktails or Fizz. All to be enjoyed while they get completely pampered!

For something a bit different, by special request, we can arrange a Warrior Princess Pamper Party, however there is limited availability for this.

Currently there is a fabulous competition running until 9th September for both Nerf Arena and Prinny Pamper Parlour. Head over to their Facebook Pages to find out more!
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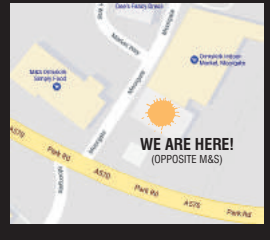

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